

## **West Hartford Town Council Meeting 7:30PM**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

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### **Members present:**

Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM

#### **1. Meeting Opening**

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call: Councilor Fay absent; Council Zoning Alternate Carl Donatelli present

#### **2. Proclamations**

Proclamation presented to Earl Exum, a member of the West Hartford African American Social and Cultural Organization, for Black History Month.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A. Town Council Minutes 1-28-2020 **APPROVED**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

B. Public Hearing Minutes 1-28-2020 Ordinance Sponsorship Signs in Municipal Parks **APPROVED**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

#### **4. Public Forum NO ONE SPOKE**

#### **5. Consideration of Consent Calendar NO ITEMS**

#### **6. Unfinished Business:**

A. Application filed on behalf of the American School for the Deaf for the historic restoration and reconstruction of the Gallaudet Monument to be located on the front lawn of the school campus at 137-139 North Main Street. The application includes associated landscape amenities and site lighting. (This agenda item will be the subject of a formal Public Hearing and may not be addressed pursuant to Town Council Rules.) (1038)

**APPROVED, 9-0**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams; Council Zoning Alternate Donatello voted.

B. Application filed on behalf of FW CT-Corbin's Corner Shopping Center, LLC, owner of 1459 New Britain Avenue, located within Special Development District (SDD) #6. The application seeks permission to undertake a renovation of the shopping center including alterations to the existing building façade; construction of an approximately 2,550 s.f. addition to the rear of the Trader Joes; and either the demolition and replacement of the now vacant Jared's Jewelers building with a new 7,360 s.f. restaurant building with outdoor dining or the redesign of the existing building's exterior to accommodate a restaurant use and outdoor dining. In addition, associated improvements including the reconfiguration of the parking layout, installation of new landscaping, lighting and pedestrian amenities and changes to sign criteria and conditions are proposed. (This agenda item will be the subject of a postponed Public Hearing and may not be addressed pursuant to Town Council Rules.) (759)

**CONTINUED THIS ITEM TO FEBRUARY 25, 2020, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 PM**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

C. Communication from Ben Grippo (1-12-2020) resigning from the Prevention Council. (tabled at the 1-28-2020 Town Council Meeting) (321)

**RECEIVED**

Motion to Take from the Table receipt of a communication from Ben Grippo, dated January 12, 2020, resigning from the Prevention Council. This item was tabled at the Town Council meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams.

Motion to Receive the communication from Ben Grippo dated January 12, 2020 resigning from the Prevention Council by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams.

7. New Business:

A. Application by The Bridge Family Center, Inc, contract purchaser of the property known as 1021-1023 Farmington Avenue, requesting a change of the underlying zone for approximately .21 acres of land on the south side of Farmington Avenue from RM-3 (Multifamily Residence) to RO (Residence-Office) and Special Development District (SDD) designation for the reuse of the existing building for professional office use. (This agenda item will be the subject of a formal Public Hearing and may not be addressed pursuant to Town Council Rules.)

(Complete copy of this Application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office)

**SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 24, 2020 AT 7:00 PM AND REFER TO TPZ, DRAC & CRCOG**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

B. Resolution (Hart) Concerning State Filing for School Construction Grants.

**ADOPTED, 8-0**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that there is a need to replace partial sections of the roofing systems at William H. Hall High School and Sedgwick Middle School and to remove floor tile containing asbestos at Norfeldt Elementary School (the "Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education and the Town Council have approved the Projects and appropriated sufficient funding in the Capital Improvement Program to undertake these Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Projects are eligible for school construction grants administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services, Office of School Construction Grants and Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the application for a school construction grant must include a resolution from the Town Council authorizing the submission of the application, identifying the projects to be undertaken and permitting the preparation of drawings and specifications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD** that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the construction projects at William H. Hall High School, Sedgwick Middle School and Norfeldt Elementary School; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to prepare, at a minimum, schematic drawings and to outline specifications for the construction projects at the William H. Hall High School, Sedgwick Middle School and Norfeldt Elementary School.

C. Resolution (Hart) to Accept a Quilt on Loan from the West Hartford Art League.

**ADOPTED, 8-0**

Executive Director of the West Hartford Art League, Roxanne Stachalek spoke concerning the quilter Ed Johnetta Miller and the new public mural display which is now complete.

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

**WHEREAS**, the West Hartford Art League is a charitable organization that supports arts in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hartford Art League has led an effort to place work by Connecticut artists on display for members of the public to see and enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hartford Art League has dedicated a new public mural based on four original quilt designs by fiber artist and quilter Ed Johnetta Miller (the "Artist"); and

**WHEREAS**, a quilt by the Artist is permanently installed in the Saltbox Gallery at the West Hartford Art League, another quilt by the Artist is on display at the West Hartford Public Library, and another quilt by the Artist is on display at the Charter Oak International Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Hartford Art League wishes to loan a fourth quilt by the Artist (the "Quilt") to the Town for display on Town property for a three year period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD** that the Town Manager is authorized to accept the loan of the Quilt by the West Hartford Art League and to sign all necessary agreements to accept such loan, subject to review and approval by the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

8. Reports of Town Manager

Town Manager Matthew W. Hart presented his report to Council.

9. Announcements Upcoming events were reported by Mayor Cantor.

10. Reports of Corporation Counsel

A. Attorney Gina M. Varano has been promoted to the position of Deputy Corporation Counsel.

B. There will be no executive session.

11. Appointments

West Hartford Bloomfield Health District

Karen Harrington appointed for a term ending 12-31-2020.

12. Reports of Standing or Special Committees **NONE**

13. Consent Calendar **NO ITEMS**

14. Communications

A. From Harriet Winograd (6-11-2019) resigning from the Commission on Veterans' Affairs. (321)

**RECEIVED**

Motion by Mayor Cantor, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams


15. Petitions **NONE**

16. Executive Session **NONE**

17. Adjournment at **8:40 PM**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Davidoff, second by Councilor Kerrigan.

YES: Councilor Blanks, Mayor Cantor, Deputy Mayor Davidoff, Councilor Gold, Councilor Kerrigan, Councilor Sweeney, Councilor Wenograd, Councilor Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Essie S. Labrot".

Essie S. Labrot  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

**APPROVED AT FEBRUARY 25, 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**